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Development of Animal Husbandry in Tamil Nadu

2582. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted proposals for the development of animal husbandry in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government of Tamil Nadu have submitted the following proposal to the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying for the development of animal husbandry in the State during 1991-92.

"Expansion of Special Livestock Breeding
Programme (SLBP) to cover more districts."

(c) The new project of SLBP has been sanctioned by the Govt. of India and the Central share amounting to Rs. 2.25 crores for the project has been released during 1991-92.

Setting up of Bombay High Gas Plants at Vidharba & Marathwada

2583. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set-up Bombay High Gas Plants at Vidharba and Marathwada has been received by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Various requests have been received from time to time. No allocations of natural gas based on offshore gas have been made in the Vidharba or Marathwada regions.

Export of Durum Wheat

2584. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to promote cultivation of Durum Wheat for export; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far indicating the quantity exported during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Government of India is exploring the possibility of promoting Durum Wheat cultivation both for export and for domestic industrial uses. A meeting was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture with Durum wheat growing states, Ministry of Food, NAFED, ICAR, Durum Wheat Breeders and concerned divisions of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Since the support price per qwuintal for Durum wheat is the same as is applicable for normal wheat, no separate procurement of Durum wheat has been done so far. There is no official record available of Durum wheat deport separately.